

# Needs at Congo for Christ

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It has now been ten years since the first children moved into the orphanage at Congo for Christ Centre (CCC). This ministry continues to grow and impact more and more lives for Jesus!



New playground and soccer field brings a lot of joy to the children.

The **feeding program** that started in April of 2016 with 396 children, is now averaging over 2,000 children per week. Hundreds of children have accepted Christ as Savior and entire families have been changed. The monthly **teen seminars** now average over 300 in attendance. In February they brought in a guest teacher who has worked with War Child Canada in DR Congo. His presentation was so helpful to the teens that he was invited to return again for further training. We are now sending **\$2,300 per month** in support of just these two ministries at CCC. A few generous donors are providing about \$1,100 of that amount. Any gifts you can provide for the feeding/teen ministry are greatly appreciated and much needed.



Over 2,000 children per week attend worship service/feeding.



Some of the CCC university students congratulate Colette (second from left) as she graduates with nursing degree.

In the ten years since CCC orphanage opened with sixty three children, eleven of them have finished secondary school (high school) and gone on to complete either university or vocational training. Some of these young people have already left

CCC and others will be transitioning out of the orphanage in the next few months. Global Outreach will be assisting them with a small gift to help with expenses as they make their move. In addition, another twelve students are currently in vocational training, attending university, or waiting for funding so they can begin further training. As these students leave CCC, additional children are brought in and there are still sixty-three children living at CCC. Some of these children still need sponsors to help with their living expenses. Please let us know if you are interested in sponsoring a child(ren) at CCC.

While we celebrate the great progress at CCC, there are always additional needs. The main water supply is a pipeline from a nearby river. This life giving water has not only supplied CCC but also the surrounding community for ten years. Unfortunately this water source breaks frequently and the water storage tanks quickly empty. The children then have to carry water from a river about a mile away. It is now possible to have a company drill a borehole that will supply water as a backup to the current pipeline. This well will not only supply CCC but also the community who depends on the CCC pipeline. In addition, this well water can be used to water the garden which often wilts and dies when the pipeline is not operating. The estimate for this borehole is **\$16,663**. If you would like to contribute to this project, please designate your gift for "Well for CCC." May God richly bless you for your love, prayers, and support!

## New Home for India



Sita was raised in one of the Feed My People (FMP) village children's homes. After completing her schooling she was brought to the main home in Tenali where she attended the nursing vocational training program at FMP. She then stayed in Tenali and worked in a hospital for four years. FMP Pastor Jayaraj arranged a marriage for her to a Christian man from the village of Valluru. Sita and her husband, James, have been sharing the gospel in Valluru. As Sita is a nurse, she has many opportunities to tell people about Jesus as they come to her for medical help.

Mary Grace and Thomas Jr. are asking for our help to purchase land and build a new home in

Valluru. The first floor will have a room for boys, one for girls, and one for Sita and her family. They will take in fifteen orphaned children and be the parents for them. The second floor will be for a church and will also provide a place for other activities such as a sewing center to help the women of the village. The verandah would be used as a First Aid center for Sita to treat the ill patients. It would also be a place for the elderly homeless to sleep at night. They utilize every inch of property to meet a variety of needs.

To begin the project, \$6,000 is needed to purchase land that is currently available. The construction costs of the building is estimated to be \$37,000. We have such a long history with Mary Grace and Thomas Jr. that we have confidence this new children's home/church/medical clinic and home for elderly will be used to transform many lives and bring the love and compassion of Christ to this village. Please consider giving a gift for this great need.

## Other Ministry Opportunities in India

### Evangelistic Crusades



Outdoor evangelistic crusades are the main way to gain ministry opportunities in villages that do not currently have Christian churches. Many people will attend a crusade to hear the music and learn about what is happening. Mary Grace and Thomas Jr. are once again busy holding crusades that had been prevented during the Covid pandemic. They are requesting our help with two items. They need to purchase two tents at a cost of \$300. They also need to feed the people who attend. They can provide a simple meal for \$.52 per person. We would love to help with both of these needs.

### Tailoring Schools for Women



It is not uncommon in the nations where we provide help, for women to be the main providers for their families. One of the ways they can make an income is through learning to sew. Mary Grace has taught many girls and women to sew, but now would like to start a tailoring school for women in some of the remote villages. For only \$900 she will be able to buy three sewing machines to be shared and hire a teacher. This will be a five month program and thirty women will attend. After completing the school, the women will need help to purchase their own sewing machine which will enable them to earn \$5 per day. Each sewing machine costs \$150. Your gifts make a difference.